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Irma Public School Holds Successful Entertainment

A very interesting school concert was put on in the junior room of the Irma public school on Friday afternoon, December 22nd.

The teachers, Mr. Martin and Miss Taylor had their pupils well trained, everyone doing their part in fine style. This being the first time the parents in the district had been invited to attend the Christmas concert, many availed themselves of the opportunity to see their children perform.

Mrs. S. V. Schonert chairman of the school board, was asked to act as chairman for the afternoon which position she filled very capably. The following is a list of the numbers on the program.

Chorus—Hark the Herald Angels Sing; senior girls.
Guitar solo—Clifford Jones.
Sketch—The Dull Class.
Play—Danny Speaks a Piece.
Recitation—A Good Little Girl.
Recitation—When Papa's Sick; Lewis Jones.

Play—When Greek Meets Greek.
Recitation—Max Weber.
Chorus—Silent Night; by nine girls.

Following the above program, Miss Taylor announced she was giving a prize to one pupil in each grade for neatness and hand-writing, those receiving the prizes were Edna Schonert, Leo Thurston, Ross McFarland, Susan McKay and Olive Thurston. Report cards were then given out to each child, showing the marks they had made in their last tests.

The next item on the program was the one the children had been looking forward to very eagerly—the giving out of the Christmas presents with which the tree had been loaded, followed by a treat of candy, nuts and oranges.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Schonert, Mrs. McKay and Mr. Barber spoke briefly, commending the teachers very highly for the excellent entertainment which had been provided and extended to them a hearty vote of thanks which was suitably replied to by Miss Taylor and Mr. Martin.

KINSELLA KERNELS

Kinsella, Jan. 2, 1934.—Miss Edith Corbett returned to Wetaskiwin on Saturday night after spending the holidays at her home here.

Mrs. J. Ansell received word last week of the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. L. J. Ansell, who died on Monday morning at the age of 82.

The community extend sympathy to her in her loss.

Mr. Hogan Lund, of Viking, spent last Thursday and Friday with his mother at the home of his sister, Mrs. P. J. Wangness.

Mr. P. Napier returned last Saturday evening after spending the holidays at his home in Calgary.

Miss Isabel Stronach returned to Inland on Monday evening after spending the holiday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Eaton and Mrs. Garvie and daughter spent New Year's afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones at Irma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kyle and son spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Misses Jeanette and Christie McKie returned from Edmonton on Saturday last after spending the Christmas holidays with friends there.

THERMOMETER HIT 40-BELOW TWICE DURING DECEMBER

It has been more than just cold in this district. During December the thermometer dropped twice to 40 degrees below zero. The average for the entire month is 20 degrees lower than December of last year. That means a lot more fuel burned, whether gas or coal. The coldest December in 48 years is the claim of the weather man.

Shipping Hogs

JANUARY 10th and 24th
Highest Prices Paid

Foxwell & Johnson

PHONE 13

Hockey Club Dance for Friday, January 12th

Everyone is invited to the big dance to be staged by the Irma hockey club, in Kiefer's hall, Friday evening, January 12th.

The club is in need of funds and to this end they hope the dance attendance will be such as to lift the worried look off the secretary's face. The admission is 35 cents, for each person, and a nice lunch is being provided for.

Don't forget—Friday evening, January 12th, in Kiefer's hall, Irma.

UNITED CHURCH NOTES

The sermon topic for next Sunday will be "The Home of the Soul."

The usual Christmas entertainment proved to be a popular event in spite of the cold weather. The church was well filled with happy youngsters who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Christmas tree was the centre of attraction but before the end of the program anxious eyes turned to the door repeatedly in the hope that jolly old Santa would arrive on time. Just as the program ended—it was a good program too—it was announced that everything was timed exactly and if Santa was punctual he would arrive any minute. Soon a shout greeted his arrival and at once he became the hero of the hour. He noted some interesting changes that had taken place in the growing boys and girls—some had lost their teeth and to all he gave bags of candy and nuts. He left amid the enthusiastic cheers of the youngsters.

The primary class (2 groups) gave two dialogues; Verna Martin Sheila Bishop Irene Glasgow, Arthur Peterson gave recitations; piano numbers were given by the Sonoff boys (duet), the Geeson girls, Aletha Knudson and Ray Locke; a dialogue was given by Albert Glasgow and Clarence Cater; the intermediate girls sang a chorus, and the whole was concluded by readings from Mrs. N. O. Parke and a pianoforte selection from Miss E. York. So was spent a very pleasant evening; the only regret was that Mr. Reeds was not well enough to preside in his usual genial and happy way.

We are now entering upon another year. The year past has had its difficulties and disappointments, but it has had its encouragements, too. We are, in a sense, starting all over again. The new year spells hope—new hope, new faith. The gospel is a message of hope and gives us assurance of God also of the future. My new year's wish for everyone is that the lamp of hope may never die out, but that with ever brightening light it will fill life with radiance and joy.

J. R. GEESON.

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D.R.O.'s if election, \$5.00. Polling place rent, \$3.00. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Smith that that part of motion No. 323 of November 9th, 1933, reading: "Pay Sheet No. 3h, for \$42.00 be passed and paid," be rescinded. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Burton that the reeve and treasurer be and are hereby authorized to borrow from the Bank of Montreal the sum of \$3432.43 deemed necessary to meet the fourth quarter school requisites and \$208.50 deemed necessary to meet the 4th quarter hospital requisition. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Archibald that the statement for November, 1933, be accepted as presented. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Archibald that the following bills be passed and paid—H. Muir, division 6, re road, S. E. 25-4-7-W4th \$ 5.00 Geo. Worthington, div. 1, labor 2.50 W. A. Burton, council meetings, super. rds., mileage and comm. 65.30 A. E. Blakley, council meetings, super. rds., mileage and comm. 49.00 J. H. Archibald, council meetings, super. rds., mileage and comm. 91.90 R. D. Smallwood, council meetings, super. rds., mileage and comm. 84.20 H. D. Vesey, council meetings, super. rds., mileage and comm. 71.50 Wm. Dalton, council meetings, super. rds., mileage and comm. (for year) 133.60 Chas. Willbraham, salary, November, 1933 100.00 Petty cash 24.87 Dept. of Mun. Affairs, prov. taxes, coll. Nov. 1,040.94 Irma S.D. coll. 9.50 Mun. a/c S.D. coll. 50 Wainwright S.D. coll. 51.29 Mun. a/c comm. ret. 1.90 E. Carrington, labor, div. 5 2.00 J. C. McFarland, relief, children of D. Smith 15.00 J. Kennedy, r, labor, div. 4 3.00 IrmaTimes, papers, Nov. 25.00 West. Mun. News, supplies 4.36 Alta. Mun. Stationers, supp. 7.72 C. G. Purvis, retaining fees, legal 50.00 Supt. Child Welfare, M.A., for October 56.00 Chapman-Slosser Agency, treasurer's bond 20.00 Mrs. P. M. King, gravel, div. 1 3.80 H. Kasten, mtd, div. 2 4.95 Provincial treasurer, re Alice Jerace 38.06 I. E. Woods, labor, div. 6 4.00 W. Adams, relief, C. Bruluit,

Council Minutes of M.D. Battle River

The council of the Municipal District of Battle River, No. 423, met in the municipal office at Irma, Alberta, on Thursday, December 14th, with a full council present, the reeve presiding.

Moved by Mr. Vesey that the minutes of November 9th be approved as read. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Vesey that the report of Mr. Archibald re direct relief application of Mrs. Neval Fingishau be accepted and that a relief item of \$12.00 per month be recommended to the department in this case. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Blakley that the reports of Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Dalton on the annual convention of municipal districts association held in Edmonton, November, 1933, be accepted. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Vesey that the agreement of sale re J. A. Bell, S.W., N.E. and N.W. 20-4-4-9-W4th, be extended until November 1, 1934, on payment of \$25.00 part interest. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Blakley that in consideration that W. W. Smith takes care of the children of Dallas Smith this municipal district agrees to pay W. W. Smith \$15.00 per month from December 14th, 1933, to March 13th, 1934, being three months at \$15.00 per month. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Burton that a check for \$15.00 be issued in favor of W. W. Smith for December relief for the children of Dallas Smith. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Blakley that the parcels of land described as the N.W. and S.W. 12-4-5-7-W4th be adjourned from the tax sale list of December 14th, 1933, until December 28th, 1933, and that the reeve and treasurer be empowered to further adjourn said sale of said land until January 11th, 1934. Crd.

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Councillors M.D. Kinsella Hold Final 1933 Meeting

Meeting held at Kinsella on Monday, December 11th, 1933.

Full council present.
Coun. Bowden that minutes be passed as read. Crd.

Statement of expenditures and receipts being read, Coun. Lison that same be passed as read. Crd.

The representative of Salv. Army spoke re rescue work, and asked for subscription, Coun. Murray that the council make grant of \$50.00. Crd.

Coun. Murray that the ten per cent discount allowed on arrears, be limited to arrears previous to 1933. Crd.

Coun. Pendleton that the council approve of change of plan being made on N.W. 1-45-11-4W cancelling portion north-westerly of 1 PPR 10 of plan 6825. Crd.

Learn from Department re bill of Ed. Hogg due Viking hospital was discussed, moved by Coun. Bowden that said bill be paid. Crd.

Coun. Carter that secretary write to Department asking permission to reduce the sale price of N.E. 22-45-10-4th, should permission be granted, then council accept offer of Mr. E. R. Erickson to pay to pay \$400.00 cash in full payment of purchase price. Crd.

Coun. Pendleton that the matter of seed grain advance made to Mrs. Mary Mugark be abled. Crd.

Coun. Carter that secretary warn the Viking hospital that in their opinion Mr. L. Trichel is not an indigent and that the council cannot accept responsibility for the payment of hospital bill. Crd.

Coun. Carter moved that owing to the very bad condition of the roads the ratepayers have been unable to haul wheat in order to pay their taxes, therefore the council instruct the secretary to apply to the Department for an extension of time for the paying of the first installment of the accounts due under the Tax Consolidation Act. Crd.

Coun. Lison that the following bills be passed for payment: Salvation Army \$ 50.00 Royal Alex. Hospital, re Meaton 50.00 Viking Hospital, re Hagg 35.00 Coun. Lison, F. and M. 17.10 Coun. Pendleton, F. and M. 35.75 Bradley, F. and M. 40.50 Coun. Bowden, F. and M. 4.60 Coun. Murray, F. and M. 30.70 Coun. Carter, F. and M. 26.90 F. Beschell, labor 8.05 O. Reiman, labor 7.20 M. Pendleton, labor 7.80 N. Ingvallson, labor 9.10 A. Berg, labor 13.30 A. Berg, election 8.00

A. E. Third, rel, Boujois 35.00 Alta. Mun. Stationers 1.12 H. Tellock, labor 6.30 Chapman & Slosser, secretary's bond 20.00 P.O. Jarow, postage 25.00 M. Sovinski, labor 2.00 J. Marshall, rel, Smutz 18.30 Community Press advt. 7.00 E. C. Williams labor 9.25 A. J. McGregor diversion 60.00

Carried unanimously.
Coun. Lison: Meeting adjourn to call of secretary.

B. H. GREEN Secy.Treas.

Irma Skating Rink Rules

Hockey practice will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, skating nights will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday except when the rink is needed for a league game. Skating hours will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. except Saturday when the hours will be from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The rink will be open for school children in the afternoon except when the rink is being prepared for hockey game. No hockey practice allowed on Sunday afternoons.

October, \$1.05; Nov. 10.35 Bank of Montreal, div. 5, machy note 132.33 Bank of Montreal, Div. 3, machy note 368.33 Pay sheet No. 3h, \$42.00; 6n, 69.40

Motion carried.
Moved by Mr. Dalton that the secretary write the department of public works that the river hill north of Fabian is in a very dangerous condition, asking same to be looked after without delay. Crd.

Moved by Mr. Blakley that council adjourn. Crd.

CHAS. WILBRAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer, M.D. of Battle River No. 423, Irma, Alberta.

Minister Explains Pensions Scheme

OTTAWA—Hon. Murray MacLaren, minister of pensions, Wednesday issued a statement explaining to war pensioners the effect of the latest amendments to the Pension act.

The statement, in part, was as follows: Pensioners who have a complaint, regarding any change of entitlement, where such change was effected before the coming into force of the 1933 amendments to the Pension act will have the opportunity of appearing before a quorum of the pension commission and of being heard. In this way, the procedure will be similar to that which is now laid down in the 1933 amendments to the pension act.

In the case of many of those pensioners, where there has been or may be reduction, cancellation or recovery of the amounts paid to them, arising from circumstances which, under the Pension act, may not be pensionable, opportunity will be given them for a hearing before a quorum of the pension commission, if they have any complaint.

"By these measures it is hoped and expected that the procedure will be more satisfactory and the objections which may have been made in respect to procedure removed.

JARROW JOTTINGS

The United church of Jarow was well filled on Christmas Sunday in spite of the severity of the weather. Special music was provided by the quartette and the soloist, Mrs. Beer.

Mr. and Mrs. Marby returned to Jarow to spend the Christmas season, visiting their children.

The Jarow Christmas concert was held in the community hall on Friday, December 22nd, with a large and appreciative audience. The program was one of the best rendered in Jarow. Every pupil carried out his or her part well, showing the excellent training given by their able teacher, Miss Bethwell. Our station agent, Mr. Williams, ably presided. The school board wisely decided to accept donations for the children's treats rather than raise funds by putting on a dance; enough money was raised so that Santa Claus was able to provide gifts for everyone present.

The mother and sister of Mrs. Williams spent Christmas Sunday in Jarow.

The baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Boncamp died of pneumonia on Christmas Day.

A New Year's dance was held at the community hall Monday evening. A good crowd gathered and a good time reported.

Plan Grasshopper Fight On Large Scale in 1934

The pesky grasshopper, which caused a lot of trouble through the western states and Western Canada last past season, is going to be even more pestiferous next summer, according to indications given by investigations which have been going on this fall.

In the north-western states drastic action is to be taken next year to meet the hopper situation. It is from these states that the hoppers generally seem to start in their sweep across our wheat country. Following a conference recently held at Fargo, North Dakota, a delegation has been sent to Washington to ask for a vote of three million dollars to fight the grasshopper next year. At Regina a few weeks ago Western Canadian officials discussed the situation as it exists in the three prairie provinces. Last season Alberta was fortunate in being able to keep the loss of crop from hoppers down almost to a minimum, thanks to the thorough and efficient campaign carried on by provincial, federal and university authorities. The area affected in Alberta last year was about 3,600,000 acres of crop land involving 10,952 farmers. The loss on this area was only about 11 per cent, it being estimated that 44 per cent of the crop was saved. Over 70 mixing stations were operated and over 8,700 tons of bait distributed. Investigations this fall have shown that the area affected next season in Alberta will be somewhat larger, probably about five million acres, but the infestation will be somewhat lighter.

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Rastus: "Boy! I'll say my wife knows how to kiss."

Sambo: (with enthusiasm) "I'll say she does."

Rastus: "What's dat?"

Sambo (less enthusiasm) "Ah says, do she?"

Britain Shows The Way

When one reads of the very little accomplished by the World Economic Conference, and of the adjournment of the World Disarmament Conference without any results having been achieved, and coupled with these failures to advance the cause of peace, official announcement is made of re-arming in Germany, of the largest military and naval budgets yet known in the history of a great programme of cruisers construction by the United States, of hundreds of millions spent on fortifications by France, one is inclined to ask: Are the nations of the world determined on self-destruction, and is it their desire that civilization as we now know it shall be destroyed?

When we recall the efforts made following the Great War to set up the League of Nations as a form of international machinery to maintain and promote the peace of the world; as we recall the fact that in the years since 1918 the League has, on more than one occasion, been instrumental in preventing war, but that more recently it failed to check Japanese aggression in China and Manchuria; as we witness Japan's defiance of the League and withdrawal from it, followed by the withdrawal of Germany, and now the threatened resignation of Italy, we are further inclined to ask: Is there no nation that can and will give leadership to the world in the cause of peace?

Is physical disarmament the first and necessary step to an assurance of peace? If so, then Great Britain has provided leadership, but, alas the other nations have refused to follow.

Speaking in the House of Lords, recently, Lord Londonderry, Secretary for Air in the National Government, stated that Britain has only 850 first line aircraft compared with 1,650 in France, from 1,400 to 1,500 in Russia, 1,000 to 1,100 in the United States, and 1,000 to 1,100 in Italy. Britain's first-line aircraft have been reduced to little more than 20 per cent. of her post-war strength with the result that Britain now stands in the number of her military and naval airplanes only fifth in the list of nations.

Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary of Britain, in a recent review of Britain's efforts to set an example in disarmament, stated in emphatic terms that Britain has set an example, has led the way. "No reasonable or instructed person can possibly suggest," said Sir John, "that we have not reduced our own armaments to the lowest point to which we could go by unilateral action. It will not be thought a waste of time if I gave the House three or four figures."

Of the British Navy, Sir John Simon then said:

"Take the Navy—I am going to give comparisons not with the end of the war when we had piled up enormous forces; I am going to the year in which the war began."

"Since 1914 the capital ships of the British Commonwealth have been reduced from 69 to 15; its cruisers from 108 to 54; its destroyers from 216 to 152, and its submarines from 74 to 59. In 1914 we had a class of vessel called a torpedo boat, of which there were 106 in commission in 1914. They have disappeared entirely. At the same time there has been a reduction in personnel, as compared with 1914, from 152,000 to 90,000."

So much for leadership in naval disarmament given by Britain. Sir John Simon continued: "Take the Army—Since 1914, the regular Army has been reduced from 238,000 to 135,000. This has been effected by disbanding nine regiments of cavalry, 61 batteries and companies of artillery, 21 companies of Royal Engineers, and 21 battalions of infantry and three batteries of Colonial troops. At the same time the Special Reserve has been reduced from 80,120 in 1914 to 24,600; and there has been a reduction in the Territorial Army during this period of 141,702. In 1914 it was 312,000; today it is 170,000. In addition, during the same period, 18 regiments of cavalry, 31 battalions of infantry and seven battalions of pioneers have been disbanded by the Indian Army. That has resulted in an approximate reduction of 17,000 men."

Instead of following this wonderful leadership by Great Britain in disarmament, the other great nations of the world have actually increased their fighting forces and voted larger armament budgets than ever before in times of peace. If disarmament fails, the British Commonwealth cannot be held in any sense responsible or blameworthy. Britain has done its part; the world has refused to follow the British example.

As a result, the world-to-day is drifting, if, indeed, it's not actually rushing into war. And the question arises, and calls for an answer, whether Britain's action in so largely disarming was, after all, the right way to encourage and induce disarmament by others? In fact, may it not be that in Britain's action is so sharply reducing her own armaments, other nations saw an opportunity to secure unto themselves greater power; an opportunity to achieve certain national ambitions and, if necessary, defy others?

The failure of other nations to follow Britain's lead in disarmament only serves to prove what has been stated in this column on previous occasions, i.e., that physical disarmament by the nations is not good enough. It is sufficient guarantee of peace, if followed by some nations and not by all it may even prove provocative of war. What is necessary, what in fact must precede physical disarmament, is a mental and spiritual disarmament by the people themselves. They must free themselves of their narrow nationalistic ideas, their suspicions of other peoples and nations, their racial and religious passions and prejudices. These are the things that cause war, and as long as people entertain and cherish such thoughts and ideas, and as long as other people, whether politicians, or churchmen, or war profiteers, classes, or self-seekers of any kind who play upon and pander to the passions of people, continue to use them to inflame the masses, just so long will there be war.

This mental and spiritual disarmament among the peoples of the world must come first; until it does come there will be little headway made in the matter of physical disarmament. Without the former, the latter form of disarmament would be vain in any event. By her action, Britain has demonstrated that her people are ready for this larger, better, more far-reaching disarmament for the betterment of mankind and for the purpose not to maintain the force of her example and promote her educational propaganda. It remains for the rest of the nations to follow Britain's example.

Luxury Flats in England

Block Will Contain Thirty Shops For Convenience Of Tenants

A block of luxury flats, which will occupy three acres of ground and contain 360 flats and 30 shops, is planned to be erected at Hammer-smith, London, England. It is expected to be the largest single block of flats in Europe.

There will be a private automobile roadway running under one side of the flats, according to the architect's design, and tenants will be able to shop in comfort without going outside the building. Over 1,000 men will be employed on the building, which will cost, it is estimated, £500,000.

"Any man can be a fool and not know it," declares a playwright. Any man, that is, except a married man.

Better For Fishermen

German Duty Raises Price On Eels From Canada

Import duty recently imposed by the German government on Quebec eels has resulted in higher prices being obtained by Canadian fishermen for their product. Last year the average price received was three cents per pound. This year the price is from five to six cents.

Something like 500,000 pounds of Quebec eels are going to Hamburg this year, with a similar quantity destined for New York and German-Americans.

Eel fishing is an industry in itself, and keeps between 250 and 350 people busy all season.

A man may dodge the earthly collectors, but he must pay the debt of nature as he goes.

Household Drudgery The Bane of a Woman's Life

Nature intended women to be strong and healthy instead of weak and sickly, but how can a woman have good health when she has to go through the household drudgery with any relaxation. Is it any wonder she becomes nervous and irritable, has hot flashes, faint and dizzy spells, shortness of breath, sinking and smothering sensations, and can't sleep at night.

Women who are weak and run down will find in Milburn's H. & N. Pills a remedy to strengthen the system and bring back the much desired health.



STARTS PROCEEDINGS



Mary Pickford, famous Toronto film star, who has filed a suit for divorce from Douglas Fairbanks, who is in England, charging mental cruelty, indifference and neglect.

Has Been Transformed

Paris Royal Station Has Been Made Into "American Bar"

The "Royal Railroad Station" in Paris, used especially to welcome kings and queens, and where President Woodrow Wilson was received in triumph by Clemenceau and Poincaré in 1918, has been transformed, in part, into a tea room and an "American Bar."

It still is used for local traffic, however, but its days of pomp and glory are ended. Where the brass-helmeted Republican guards came to salute for a visiting monarch, elegant Parisians now sip tea and visitors imbibe cocktails.

During the presidencies of Loubet and Fallières, this "Railroad Station of the Kings" was used to welcome monarchs like Edward VII, Victor Emmanuel, "Carmen Sylva," Queen of Roumania, Oscar II, of Sweden, and King George of England. With the liberal use of red carpets, flowers and brilliantly uniformed soldiers, it was transformed into a temporary palace. Here it was that after the armistice in 1918 Woodrow Wilson alighted to receive the plaudits of a delirious Parisian population.

Of late, however, the station has ceased to be the "Gare des Rois." The kings arrive at the larger stations. The pomp with which they are received has been reduced to a minimum and often even the station officials are unaware of the entrance of a crowned head.

Parliament Will Meet

January Twenty-Fifth

Many Matters Of Importance Among Themes Of Debate

Parliament will be summoned on Jan. 25, it has been learned officially.

Three new members chosen at by-elections in Restigouche-Madawaska, Mackenzie and Yamaska will be introduced. All are Liberals. There is one vacancy, South Oxford, created by the death of Thomas Cayley, also a Liberal.

Revision of the Bank Act and legislation setting up a central bank in Canada will be among the main themes of debate, it is anticipated, while unemployment relief and its supplementary factors, public works and unemployment insurance, will undoubtedly play a large part in the proceedings.

The present government, headed by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, took office August 7, 1930. A short fall session was held immediately thereafter, and regular sessions each year since.

The standing of the parties in the approaching session will be: Conservatives, 137; Liberals, 88; Lib-Progressives, 5; Progressives, 1; United Farmers of Alberta, 9; Labor, 3; Independent Labor, 1; Independent, 2; vacant, 1.

Had New Occupation

Belboy Hung Out Of Window And Retrieved Valuable Pin

"Hung out window" read the report of a new belboy at a hotel in St. John's, N.B. This item in a long list of routine activities puzzled the management.

Investigation revealed a fifth floor guest had thrown from the contents of a tray a valuable stick pin. He saw the pin on a narrow ledge between the second and third storeys. The belboy volunteered to do a retrieving act from the third floor and leaned out of a window while the guest held his (the belboy's) feet. Securing the pin, he was drawn back to safety.

"I'm going to leave, mum."
"Why, Ellen? I'm very sorry you're such a hard-working girl."
"That's just it, mum. I ain't enough to keep me occupied. Three or four hours every night I've to fool away me time sleeping."

Using Infra-Red Rays

Newly-Discovered Process Takes Photographs Up To 300 Miles

Infra-red photography and its use in the detection of crime, as well as in medicine and dysentery, research, formed the subject of a lecture by Sir Robert Robertson, chief government chemist, before a joint meeting of the Society of Chemical Industry and three other Manchester societies.

Sir Robert began by explaining the position of infra-red rays relative to other rays. The whole range of known rays runs from wireless rays, which may be as much as a mile long, to cosmic rays which are infinitesimally short, he said. The cosmic rays have such energy that they will pierce through the thickness of a metre of lead. This is due to the fact that the frequency of vibration of a ray increases as its wave-length decreases. The infra-red rays are next in length above the familiar spectrum of visible light.

Sir Robert referred to some of the better-known uses of infra-red rays. First in these was infra-red photography in which great advances have lately been made. The magnificent aerial photographs of the Everest range were one instance, and in the United States landscape photographs are being taken up to a distance of 300 miles. Such photographs are made possible by the use of infra-red rays, which are not scattered as are ordinary light rays and can therefore pierce fog.

The lecturer referred to the medical uses of this photography, which is valuable in revealing skin conditions such as varicose veins, and to the research which has been attempted by scientists interested in dyes. It is thought that the dyed cloths most suitable for wear in the tropics can be found by study of the plants with different fabrics and dyes about the sun's rays. Sir Robert expressed the opinion, however, that research would have to go much farther from the visible spectrum before concrete results could be achieved in this field.

Battle Over Old Stamp

Collector's Wife Does Not Want Valuable Specimen Sold

A woman is now fighting a legal battle with a paper bid of \$10,000, and in London a man is laying his plans to cross the Atlantic to secure it for himself.

The duellists are Mrs. Arthur Hind, widow of the Bradford-American silk millionaire, and Bela Sekula, of Lucerne, Switzerland.

The prize is the British Guiana 1858 one-cent stamp, the only specimen in existence.

This bit of paper, which is drab brown and black, and probably the ugliest stamp in the world, will be put up for auction, and Mr. Sekula will be the keenest bidder for it. But Mrs. Hind has brought a lawsuit to have it excluded from the sale of her late husband's world-famous collection, which is worth a million pounds at least.

Mrs. Hind wants to keep the £10,000 stamp, as a precious memory of her husband, who died this year aged 77.

Still Using Old Custom

Horn Blowing Marks End Of Day In Ripon

Ever since Alfred the Great presided the quaint Old World City of Ripon, England, with a horn in token of its charter, it has been continuously used to herald the close of each day.

Picturesquely garbed in ancient costume, the official horn blower, on the exact stroke of 9 o'clock, parades the market square and sounds three loud, clear notes which echo through the city.

It was in 886 that the Wakenam's horn was given to the city, and 700 years later an ordinance required the horn to be blown according to ancient custom at the four corners of the cross each evening. Later, three blasts are sounded outside the mayor's dwelling. The Horn is still worn by the Sergeant-at-Mace on all ceremonial occasions.

A Moving Mountain

An unruly mountain that shifts about over the landscape and occasionally spouts great clouds of smoke skyped his value. The Durango Chamber of Commerce recently estimated that 5,000 visitors had been attracted to this region, in the past three months by a desire to see Carbon Mountain, Durango's "moving peak."

Bill—"The boss offered me an interest in the business today."

Bill—"Yes. He said that if I didn't take an interest in it pretty soon he'd fire me."

Definite Improvement In Trade of Canada

BANK OF MONTREAL ANNUAL MEETING

Striking indications of the improvement that has occurred in the world trade, as well as of the steady gain in many industries in Canada, were among the outstanding features of the addresses submitted at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal.

Sir Charles Gordon, the president, in his address to shareholders, stated that practically the whole over trade better than a year ago, and that in Canada, for the better part of the year, definite improvement in business had been going on. Canada's external commerce had also grown in volume.

Sir Charles also had a cheerful word regarding improved conditions in Great Britain. The country's faith in simple, well proved methods had once more been justified, with the result that Britain's credit stood as high as ever, and London had regained her position as the financial centre of the world.

Royal Commission On Banking In regard to the question of establishing a central bank in Canada, Sir Charles pointed out that two members of the Royal Commission were Canadians thoroughly versed in the banking and economic conditions of this country. These two members are not in accord with the rest of the Commission in their findings. He drew attention to the cost of operating such an institution and the probability that the bank would always be under the control of a political party and therefore subject to political influences. The history of the

Federal Reserve and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the United States shows how little the elimination of political influence can be relied upon, he said.

Bank In Strong Position Mr. Jackson Dods, Joint General Manager, reviewing the annual statement of the bank, pointed out that of the total assets of \$768,500,000 the liquid assets aggregated \$492,500,000, or 64 per cent. of the liabilities to the public.

Of special interest was the announcement that the bank now has over one million deposit accounts in Canada.

In summing up, Mr. Dods said: "Natural correctives are working toward world recovery, but many artificial barriers still impede progress. Economic and financial distress have been brought about to no small extent by the operations of Central Banks under political influences, by excessive tariffs and quotas, by exaggerated nationalism bordering on racial tribalism, the stoppage of free migration of peoples, distrust and selfishness, by impatience, a loss of individualism on the part of citizens and their surrender of independence in many former democratic countries."

In contrast, Canada is fortunately circumstanced in that it is a young country, with an abundance of nature's gifts, with a hardy people, self-reliant and free of traditional hatreds, and with an inspiring past and a boundless future."

Boy Has Strange Talent

Can Play Tunes By Rubbing Palms Of Hands Together

A farmer boy with musical he's showed city folk in Chicago recently his strange talent in playing musical tunes by merely rubbing together his palms.

He discovered music in his hands years ago when he was going home through the woods from grade school, he said. He had his hands in his overcoat pockets. As it was cold and there was no mittens, he took his hands out and began rubbing them together to get warm when he noticed a squeaking sound. When he got home he kept experimenting and practicing until he could finally grind out "Yankee Doodle."

Ever since that time he has been trying to teach his friends in Traverse City, the town nearest his farm home, how to make music with their hands, but only a few notes can he get out of any of them.

"When the family get tired of hearing me, I would get up extra early, go down to the barn, and do the chores, and then sit and practice. I would go out in the woods and listen to the birds and the animals and try to imitate them with my hands."

He leaned over and said, "Bull-frog," while with a twist and squeeze of his hands out came the croak of an amphibian. Quickly he changed to the chirp of the chipmunk, the wood chuck, the call of the robin, the mournful note of the whip-poor-will, the harsh cry of the bluejay, the chirp of a common sparrow—all by pressing his palms and fingers.

Western Cattle Trade

New Experiment Is Arranged With Alberta Ranchers

A new development in western cattle trade which, if successful, may pave the way for a far-reaching enterprise in Alberta, is the purchase of 1,000 head of choice feeder cattle direct from ranchers by a prominent British cattle importer.

The cattle, purchased in the Lethbridge and central Alberta districts, will be taken with farmer feeders for the winter and shipped to the Old Country in the spring when in prime condition.

The rancher is paid cash for the cattle and the farmer will receive seven cents a pound for the gain made while the animals are in the feeding lot.

City Solicitor Puzzled

Can a rooster be classified as an animal. The city solicitor of Kingston, Ont., is rather puzzled about the matter, but he is inclined to the belief that a rooster can be termed an animal for legal purposes. A few weeks ago the city council decided that the crowing of a rooster might constitute a nuisance, but under the present by-law of the city a resident cannot take legal action to have the nuisance stopped.

Thousands Of Sheep In Drive Twenty-five thousand sheep were gathered recently in the biggest drive of the Welsh mountains. They came from the entire mountain range of North Wales, combining three counties. The sheep were assembled for the second annual dip of the season. During the day the entire range was alive with dogs, sheep and shepherds.

Tess—"You can't believe everything you hear."

Bess—"No, but you can repeat it."

Canada In Central Position

Cannot Ignore Problems Of Orient States Sir Robert Falconer

The importance of regional conferences as a means of solving differences and disputes among nations was emphasized by Sir Robert Falconer when he addressed the University Women's Club in Toronto, Canada. It must be remembered, was in the centre of the world, between the Atlantic and Pacific, and could not ignore problems of the Pacific. Canadians were not nearly as secure as they were inclined to think that the Orient was a political problem brought into agreement America could not but suffer, Sir Robert said.

If China rose in the scale of civilization the world would rise socially, Sir Robert said. He emphasized the part which the new world had played in bringing about discontentment in the Orient. Steamers from the new world had brought their brilliant Japanese and Chinese students, and they had learned American customs and institutions and had gone home imbued with a new idea of life. The trouble in Manchukuo was only an incident on a tremendous background, he pointed out. He suggested that the Orient was not likely to go to war with the United States while she was selling silk to that country. It was too important in her economic life.

He urged everyone to stand behind the League of Nations. War never solved any problem, only conferences, regional or world conferences, could really settle difficulties.

Heavy Cattle Shipments

Fifty Thousand Head Shipped From Canada To Britain This Year

Canada has shipped over 50,000 head of live cattle to the markets of the United Kingdom during the present year. This corresponds with only 16,935 head last year up to the same date.

Exports from Dec. 2 to Dec. 6 this year totaled 1,203 head and brought the year's total up to 50,193 head.

The S.S. Concordia, cattle sold to Glasgow, furnished steers made 1.9 cents, and bulls 5.8 cents, live weight. Birkenhead sold the S.S. Manchester, commerce cattle. Light easterns made 13.7 to 14.2 cents in sink, and other grades sold accordingly. Light westerns 11.6 to 12.1 cents.

Cast-Iron Blocks For Roads

A new industry has been started in Oldham, England. The company is making cast-iron blocks for road surfacing and an experimental length is being laid at Moorside, Oldham. A quarter of an inch of bituminous solution and bonding material is laid between each block. The blocks weigh 20 pounds each, and are 11 1/2 inches square. They are irregularly shaped, providing a non-skid surface. The design has been registered.



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CHILDRENS COLDS



OCCASIONAL WIFE

By EDNA ROBB WEBSTER
Author of "Joretta," "Lipstick Girl" Etc.

SYNOPSIS

Camilla Hoyt, young and beautiful art student, and Peter Anson, a struggling sculptor fall in love and marry secretly, deciding to live apart until the time Peter can establish himself. Camilla, the adopted daughter of wealthy parents, is not to inherit money when she comes of age. She is preparing herself for life with a course in commercial art, hoping to get a job to enable her to support herself. She has been making the rounds of the agencies, Peter working in his studio on an idea for a figure with which he hopes to win a scholarship to study abroad, receives a call from a beautiful model, Sylvia Todd, who offers to work for almost nothing if he will employ her. He cannot afford a model but promises to think it over. Peter discusses the matter of a model with Camilla and decides to employ Miss Todd. Together Camilla and Peter decide on the figure. They are at the height of their happiness. At home Sylvia Todd receives a mysterious phone call. Peter begins work on his piece for the exhibit and Camilla, at her family's summer home, is a bit disconsolate without him. Avis Werth, one of Camilla's friends, who is in love with Peter herself, suggests that she and Camilla and Terry Wayne, a drive into town to get Peter for a party.

(Now Go On With The Story.)

CHAPTER XXII

In spite of the humid closeness of the small room, Peter and Sylvia had worked on through the Saturday afternoon. "Do you mind?" he asked her solicitously. "Boiling as it is, I feel like work. Just getting into the spirit of the thing, I guess."

"I'm with you, big boy, to the last hurdle," his model encouraged. "You haven't too much time to finish, have you?"

"Think I can make it," he replied calmly, already absorbed.

Sylvia flexed her strained muscles and resumed her position. An hour of intense silence ensued, broken only at intervals by the creaking sound of the revolving platform that supported the clay figure.

Finally, he smiled wearily and nodded. "Thanks a lot, Miss Todd. That's all," and left the room to afford her privacy for dressing. He paced the hall, smoking and thinking. His right hand sank into his pocket and encountered a slim roll of banknotes. It reminded him that this was payday for Sylvia. Presently, she opened the door and stood on the threshold, waiting expectantly.

"I had just remembered what day it is," he smiled. "I know you hadn't forgotten—and don't you ever let me forget, either." He walked toward her, drawing the bills from his pocket and counting them.

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"Just enough," he said, holding them out to her.

Sylvia looked up and met his eyes inquiringly. "Is that—all you have, Mr. Anson?"

Peter hesitated briefly, then managed a short laugh. "Why—what does it matter? I owe it to you, and you need it just as much as I do. Perhaps more."

"No, I don't. I didn't tell you, but I have another job, now, I'm posing for another National entry when I'm not working for you. I guess you know him—Gus Matson."

The name startled Peter. He had lost track of Gus since commencement. "Yeah, I know him. So he's trying for the scholarship, too?" he asked thoughtfully. "Never thought he was so ambitious. Well, good luck to him."

"He says that your entering just cuts everyone else's chance to win, in half."

Peter emitted a deprecating snort. "Oh, say, I guess not! He rather flatters me, doesn't he?"

"Yeah, he admits you are clever, but he hates you, I can see that. I've wondered why."

Peter shrugged. "Oh, a little personal matter. But I settled that, and have nothing against Gus."

"You wouldn't hold a grudge or be jealous of anyone. I think you're simply wonderful, Peter," she said softly, and raised her blue eyes in adoration. They had stepped back into the room when they began to talk.

"That'll do for you," he told her pleasantly. "Here, take your money and run along. It's late."

"I don't want it. I'd much rather you'd spend it for dinner for both of us. You're dead tired, you need diversion, and you're lonesome. So am I lonesome. Why don't we make some whoopee together for a change?" her hand on his arm urged him gently.

"Sorry," he turned away. "I don't feel like whoopee. All I want is a cold shower and something cool to drink, then sleep."

"In this hot room? Don't be silly. You won't be able to sleep in here. You're coming, then. Come on," she pleaded. "Don't you want me for company?"

"That might be pleasant, but I can't accept it."

"Another date?"

"No."

"Well, then—impatiently."

"Please don't insist," he said kindly. "I had here in your money."

"Well, if you're not the first iceberg I ever saw in July! Don't you ever thaw out and get away from your eternal work and study?"

"I'm very busy. Not much time for play," he apologized.

She thought, "If he knew what he had coming to him, he might be a little decent to me. But I'll give him another chance. He's worth it." She relented with a smile and took the proffered money. "All right, zero weather. I hope you get caught in a blizzard. If you do, let me know. I'd like to get cooled off, too."

He grinned, with friendly response and Sylvia flashed out of the room.

Peter dropped into a chair and surveyed his work of the day. A frown puckered his broad, smooth forehead, above which his bright hair was disordered and damp with perspiration. His great arms hung limply in repose along the chair arms. They had been held at a rigid tension for hours.

There was a sudden flurry at the open doorway and laughing voices pattered up the stairs and tumbled into the room. Camilla, cool and sparkling in white, led the others.

"Hello, Peter," she greeted him casually. "We all came in for you, to join us at the club. It's stifling here, but it's lovely out on the beach. The whole crowd is there, and we want you with us." Her eyes conformed that it was she who wanted him.

"Why—I," he hesitated. He had risen and was covering his work with a white cloth.

Instructors at the museum, which were his two principal sources of income. Added together, they were little enough, but he managed frugally.

However, money next week was not now. He never could face the chagrin of going out to the club without a little money. His thoughts darted about frantically for a solution.

He might suddenly feign illness and escape going along with them. No, that would frighten Camilla, and they would insist upon calling a doctor. He might just change his mind, or suddenly recall another engagement.

He was dressing with rapid movements, picked up his watch to slip it over his hand—had an idea, and dropped it into his pocket, instead. Then he took it out again and checked the time. He might just make it. He dashed out, locked the door and ran down the stairs. Terry Wayne's chromium-fitted, bright green roadster awaited him in the paved court, with Camilla in the front seat beside Terry and Avis nonchalantly smoking in the rumble seat.

Their voices rose, and chattered when Peter appeared. He hesitated a moment, glanced at Camilla and then swung his long legs into the rumble seat. Terry touched the starter and the powerful motor roared with his impatient flooding of the carburetor.

Peter leaned forward, casually "Would you mind stopping a minute at the circle intersection. I have an errand I was just going out to do when you blew in. Much obliged if you will."

"Okay," said Terry. With three more guttural roars of the motor and a strident blast of horns, he had turned around and was out of the court into the traffic of the avenue.

Cars rattled and purled all around them. Roadster tops were down, closed-car windows, open. The breeze of motion through space tossed the cool uncovered hair of women and wrestled at the open collars of men's sport shirts. When traffic lights commanded a halt, their faces grew impatient with the delay and the increased temperature of still air; heat shimmered in visible waves from the pavements upon which the sun had poured relentlessly all day.

"Just where shall I stop?" Terry threw the words back to Peter.

"Oh, anywhere you can park. Along here in all right." He made rapid calculations.

Terry swung into a vacant space beside the curb and stopped the motor.

"I won't be long," he promised them, but his smile involuntarily focused upon Camilla.

There was a market, somewhere near, he reflected as he strode along, which ran through the next street. He searched the entrances and found it, dodged inside. He walked through as fast as the milling crowds of Saturday shoppers permitted him, between stalls of heaped vegetables, brilliant displays of fruit, colorful cheeses. He swung through the back entrance and hesitated, then turned to the right, north for half a block, hastened through an alley, turned right and was out on the street again. Back another half block and he was on the avenue, a block away from the parked car in which Camilla and his friends awaited him. (To Be Continued.)

Little Immigration

Settlers For Saskatchewan In 1932 Lowest On Record

The stream of immigration into Saskatchewan, which 20 years ago came in flood-like proportions, has now dwindled to a mere trickle. There still was a market, somewhere near, he reflected as he strode along, which ran through the next street. He searched the entrances and found it, dodged inside. He walked through as fast as the milling crowds of Saturday shoppers permitted him, between stalls of heaped vegetables, brilliant displays of fruit, colorful cheeses. He swung through the back entrance and hesitated, then turned to the right, north for half a block, hastened through an alley, turned right and was out on the street again. Back another half block and he was on the avenue, a block away from the parked car in which Camilla and his friends awaited him. (To Be Continued.)

In 1912 the total immigration into Saskatchewan was 46,158. That was the peak year. In 1932 the number was 1,177, of which 971 were of British origin. That was the lowest in history.

Even in the first full year of the history of Saskatchewan, 1906, a total of 28,728 immigrants arrived.

Prices Were Low

The Montreal police department auctioned off 21 seized and unclaimed automobiles and received an average of \$8.60. One sold as low as a quarter, and after spirited bidding (in cents) one sold at 35 cents and another at 50 cents.

According to Dr. H. L. Shapiro, noted anthropologist, in 500,000 years there will be supermen of large stature and mentality and all bad members of the present shinning globe brigade will appreciate the compliment.

In recent months 451 houses were built or reconstructed in Canton, China.

Chinese Hopes For Miracle

Prominent Montreal Merchant May Regain Sight In Native Cathay

Woo Chong Kee, prominent Chinese-born Montreal merchant and boasting hundreds of Canadian friends after 32 years in Canada, is going home. Blind and old, Woo Chong Kee is returning to his native Cathay to enjoy his Cantonese orchard before death claims him. Accompanying him will be his son, Willie Woo, all-round athlete. Willie intends to continue his universities studies at McGill University, in a Chinese institution, coaching a basketball team as part payment for his tuition.

It is just 32 years ago, when the Manchu dynasty ruled China, that Woo decided to come to Montreal. But before he disembarked, he encountered numerous adventures. The father of the present Mr. Woo had gone out to Australia during the gold rush and made a modest fortune. His son then joined him in Melbourne and became a tea importer. Before he left, he married a pretty little Chinese girl. After ten years he returned, but deciding things did not look so promising in China, he set out once more, with California as his goal.

Woo changed his destination, however, when he was told by an importer that he would make his agent should he come to Montreal. And so, in the early years of the present century, the ambitious oriental was back trekking from door to door, tugging his wares and peddling his tea. After he had been in this country ten years and had set up his shop, he sent for his wife whom he had not seen during that time.

Since then his business has steadily grown. Last year Mrs. Woo died. Stricken with grief the old man gradually grew weaker, until finally the doctors told him if he could get back to a warm land he might regain his sight, lost ten years ago from overwork.

THE RHYMING OPTIMIST

By Aline Michaelis

PROMISE OF A STAR

I want a month in Venice,
A year, or two in Spain;
If I could sail to China,
I'd not come home again!

For earth has sun-drenched highways
And narrow, twisted streets
And towns far from old regrets
And thought of past defeats.

I long to rove in Egypt
Beside the Luxor Nile;
Until the sphinx can prove my cares
Worth neither tear nor smile.

O, dream forever golden!
O, promise of a star!
Who has not known its power,
This lure of lands afar?

Churchill Shipments

Inbound Cargo During 1933 Totalled 2,223 Tons

Inbound cargo to Churchill totalled 2,223 tons during the 1933 shipping season, according to figures issued in the department of labor bulletin. The same number of ships, 10, called at Churchill in 1933 as in 1932, but the total amount of grain shipped out by the Hudson Bay route in 1932 was slightly greater.

The Churchill shipping record follows:
1931 season—Ships calling, two; inbound grain, 54,769 bushels.
1932 season—Ships calling, 10; inbound grain, 2,736,029 bushels; general cargo, inbound, 439 tons; outbound, 831 tons.
1933 season—Ships calling, 10; inbound grain, 2,707,889 bushels; general cargo, inbound, 2,223 tons; outbound, 200 head of cattle; 67 tons of lumber, 20 tons of honey, and half ton of egg powder.

Timothy Crop Light

Report Shows Carry-Over From Last Year Was Small

Very little carry-over of timothy from last year is reported. In Alberta there was almost a total failure of timothy seed production in the Pinch Creek area, the estimate of commercial sowers for the province being 250,000 pounds, mainly in the northern part of the province and the Peace River area. The estimates from British Columbia are 502,000 pounds of timothy, and 3,500 pounds of timothy and alsike mixed.

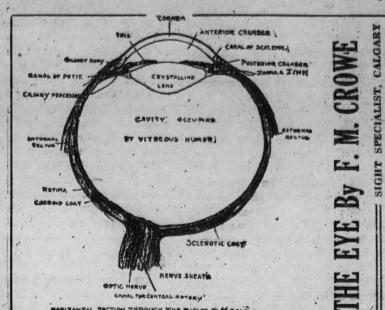
Business Man: "Yes, I advertised for a boy about your size. Do you smoke?"

Applicant: "No, thanks, but you can blow me to an ice cream sofa if you want to."

Denmark faces agricultural strikes.

Marvels of the Human Eye

By F. M. CROWE, Optometrist-Optician, Calgary



This is the first of a series of twelve articles written by F. M. Crowe, well-known Optometrist of Calgary. No doubt many readers will find these articles not only extremely interesting but of exceptional educational value. The first three articles deal with the anatomy of the eye describing its various parts and their functions. The other articles will follow each week describing in a general way in language easily understood; Far-

sightedness, Near-sightedness, Astigmatism, Old Age Sight, Cataract, conditions necessary for good and comfortable vision, why eyestrain is the chief cause of headaches and nervousness and general information regarding the care and protection of the eyesight.

It would be advisable for readers to preserve the above splendid diagram of the Eye for reference as it will be of much assistance in understanding this important subject.

NO. 1—SOME OF THE PARTS AND THEIR USES.

The Sclerotic is the first coat and is known as "The white of the eye." It is hard and almost opaque forming a protection to the rest of the eye. It comprises about five sixths of the posterior of the globe.

The Cornea comprises the remaining one sixth of the first coat and is fitted into the Sclerotic somewhat like the crystal of a watch fits into its case. The Cornea is highly polished and transparent, permitting the rays of light to pass through it. It should be symmetrically curved in all directions and if not so a condition known as Astigmatism exists, which will be explained fully in another article.

The Aqueous Chamber is situated behind the Cornea and is divided by the Iris into the Anterior and Posterior portions. The Aqueous is clear, transparent watery fluid, slightly saline.

The Iris or colored "curtain of the eye" corresponds to the diaphragm in the camera, automatically admitting more or less light as occasion requires. It is a narrow circular band about one fifth of an inch wide in the center. The Iris is of many shades of colors in different individuals. Contrary to a popular idea, the color of the eyes has no relation to the "strength of the eyes." The pupil is merely a hole in the Iris and looks black because there is no light in the center. When we light up the interior with the Ophthalmoscope the light pink color of the Retina is seen with the arteries and veins running in all directions. Around the inner margin of the Iris is a muscle which contracts in strong light thereby making the pupil smaller and preventing an excessive amount of light from affecting the sensitive Retina. When we enter a darkened room which requires more light to see, the radiating muscles contract causing the pupil hole to be larger.

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Grasshopper Banquet

Saskatchewan Taking Control Measures To Free Egg Infested Areas

Containing 150,000 gallons of sodium arsenite, 100 tank cars will roll into Saskatchewan some time before next spring to form part of the aggressive control measures that the province will take to free egg infested areas from the scourge of grasshoppers. This announcement was made recently.

The Saskatchewan Government is preparing a royal banquet for the grasshopper pests that threaten to wipe out crops over a large area and the province will include: Sodium arsenite, 150,000 gallons; white arsenic, 24 carloads; caustic soda, 12 carloads; bari, 900 carloads; sawdust, 1,200 carloads.

The banquet will cost Saskatchewan approximately half a million dollars, but officials hope it may save the province many times this amount.

From the bachelor's viewpoint, marriage is a failure because he fails to marry.

Young Jimmie was pushing his baby sister's pramulator down the street. "Hey, Jimmie," cried another urchin from across the street, "do you get paid for that?"

"Naw," replied Jimmie, disgustedly: "this is a free wheeling job."

Uncle Sam will be able to keep an eye on his new-found friend, the Russian "bear" that walks like a man," says the Toronto Globe.

The Phillippine locust plague has been stopped.



Main Street

Dr. Richardson, of Viking, has taken over the dental practice at Irma, Dr. Murray and will from now on visit Irma every Friday where he will continue to work in the rear of the Drug Store.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dutton, on December 23rd, a daughter. Miss Eileen Robertson was a visitor at the manse for part of the Christmas vacation.

Donald Zukiwski has gone to spend the holidays with his parents at Wilmington.

Mr. J. H. Milburn left on Wednesday 27th for Toronto, where he intends spending the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelwyn Peterson, who motored south for the winter, finally stopped off at Prescott, Arizona, where Mr. Peterson was lucky enough to step into a position assisting in the management of Camp Joy, a tourist camp. It is reported his health is very much improved since arriving in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whyte and daughter spent the holiday season in Vancouver. Mr. Mahson was the relief agent during Roy's absence.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowness, of Jarro, on December 23rd, but we are sorry to report the infant died the following day. The remains were buried in the Jarro cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Coulman spent the Christmas season with Mrs. Coulman's parents in Edmonton. Stanton returned January 1st to be on hand with his drums for the big New Year's frolic.

The Merry-makers of Alma Mater are putting on a dance in the school, Wednesday, January 10th. Admission, gents, 15c. Will the ladies please bring cakes?

The Roseberry and Alma Mater Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mr. Oldham on Thursday, January 11th. Committees in charge are: Devotional, Mrs. Taylor; attendance, Mrs. Anderson; assisting hostesses, Mrs. Wm. Steel and Mrs. McLean. As this will be the annual meeting, all the members and friends are urgently requested to be present.

Mr. P. J. Hardy returned to Edmonton Tuesday evening after spending the holidays at the Hill home here. Mrs. Hardy will have another week's visit with her mother.

Mr. Bryce Innis, who has spent the past few weeks in Edmonton and Calgary, returned home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mills spent Christmas with Mrs. Mills' folks, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Smallwood, of Strawberry Plains.

Miss Phyllis Thurston spent the Christmas holidays with friends at Sedgewick, returning Tuesday to resume her duties at Sunny Brae school.

Miss Betty McLean spent part of the holidays visiting her chum, Miss Margery McFarland in Irma.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay and family have moved to their house in town, making it more convenient for the children to attend school in cold weather.

The annual meeting of the Irma Ladies' Aid will be held next Thursday, January 11th, at the home of Mrs. Osterhout. As this is the big meeting of the year, a special invitation is extended to all members and friends to make a real effort to be present.

A Child's Christmas Verse

You needn't tell me there's no Santa Claus!

I know there is! I know it because: When he left the North Pole with his tiny reindeer

I heard him talk over our radio clear! An' every evening I heard 'em, too, An' they' at a fort while comin' through!

At last he changed his big sleigh-load of toys He'd been gatherin' up for us girls an' boys

And packed it right into a 'narmous big 'plane, 'N flew further south to come to us again.

He made his headquarters at the Hudson Bay, In the city of Edmonton over the way.

An' he came to Irma, I'm glad to say, And brought joy to everyone's Christmas Day!

NANCY O. PARKE, Irma, Alberta.

Wedding Bells

SCOTT—GREENWOOD

Mr. Earl Scott, of Irma, and Miss Edna Greenwood, of Kinsella, were quietly married on December 28th, by Rev. R. W. Griffith, at the United church manse, Jarro, Alberta. They will make their future home on a farm north of Kinsella.

FINCH—AMBLER

A quiet wedding was solemnized December 23rd, at the United church manse, Jarro, when Miss Grace Ambler, of Irma, was united in marriage to Mr. Carl Finch, also of Irma. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. W. Griffith. The happy couple will reside in Irma. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Finch extend congratulations and wish them much happiness and prosperity.

Alfalfa Proving Valuable In Far North Latitudes

W. D. Albright, of the Dominion Experimental Substation, at Beaver Lodge, Alberta, sends the following article on the important part alfalfa is taking in the agricultural scheme of things in northern latitudes:

The alfalfa crop is steadily gaining ground. As far north as Great Slave Lake it has produced encouraging plot yields while in the Peace and Athabasca watersheds a rapidly increasing number of farmers are classing it out of the experimental and into the proven category.

It is the hog pasture par excellence and any man's first interest is in this direction. A dollar and a half an acre will purchase the four or five pounds of seed needed to sow an acre in rows and this acre will easily graze twenty-five to thirty shooks or more.

As hay crop alfalfa is best adapted for use in combination with grass. Contrary to reiterated warnings it has done well at the Beaver Lodge Substation mixed with bromo, although rye grass crowds it less.

A Jack Abbott's winning of tenth place at Regina with Grimm alfalfa seed grown at Baldonnel, in the Fort St. John district of British Columbia on a luxuriant stand seeded in rows in 1927 and since cut annually for seed was a telling advertisement of the possibilities of alfalfa seed production in the North. Hundreds of farmers have threshed seed from small areas and notwithstanding that 1933 proved an off year for the alfalfa seed crop in the Peace the future promises a very substantial production of the seed of this queen of forage crops.

No Extension Given Auto License Year

Despite the big petition which was presented to Premier Brownlee by the Alberta Motor Association on behalf of very many thousands of motorists, the license year for auto licenses is not to be extended, so that all 1933 licenses have now expired, and 1934 plates will be required to be obtained practically at once for owners driving their cars.

It has been promised, however, by the "powers that be" motorists obtaining their plates and licenses at or after April 1st next will be conceded a reduction of twenty per cent. in the scale of charges for these, and for those who obtain their licenses on or after July 1st next the reduction to be applied will amount to forty per cent. of the fee as set for the different vehicles requiring the license.

Another concession which is being arranged, too, is the reduction to a flat rate of ten dollars each for the license to operate motor vehicles irrespective of wheel base or power; provided they are of the 1925 (or earlier) vintage. But who wants to drive a 1925 auto?

The color scheme of the 1934 license plates is white with red figures.

Sentenced To Death For Reckless Driving

Moscow, Jan. 2.—Moscow City Thursday decreed death for Valentine Ivanov, a chauffeur convicted of reckless driving.

The 28-year-old chauffeur was found guilty of driving a speeding automobile into a marching column of Red Army soldiers in Moscow, Dec. 3. Two soldiers were killed outright, two died later and five were injured.

7000 Tons of Water For 1 Bushel of Wheat

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Upwards of 7000 tons of water are needed in the production of a single bushel of Canada's 400,000,000-bushel wheat crop.

The figure is based on a computation made by Canada's chief weather man, John Patterson, director of the Dominion Meteorological Service.

Mr. Patterson has a flair for measuring the influence which weather has on various phases of Canada's national life when he is not busy trying to find out when cold spells like the present are likely to end.

So he has found out that Mother Nature operates the biggest transportation system in the world. Every year she has to lift between 30,000,000,000 and 40,000,000,000 tons of water from sea and lake and carry it thousands of miles to drop it on the wheat lands of Western Canada.

Between 12,000,000,000 and 15,000,000,000 tons of this must come during the growing season.

A little shortage, a little excess or a little faulty distribution means a partial or total crop failure.

Publisher Supports Crop Reduction Measures

Curtailment of production of farm products by the means now being employed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration offers the quickest and most effective method to relieve the present agricultural emergency, Frederick E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune and United States delegate to the World Wheat Conference last summer, told members and guests of the Traffic Club of Minneapolis. With population increasing at a very slow rate, and export markets diminished, at least temporarily, the reduction of output is the only alternative, since it does not seem practical or even possible to increase per capita consumption, Mr. Murphy said. Reduced production of farm products does not mean smaller freight traffic, the speaker pointed out, but on the contrary will contribute to the prosperity of railroads by improving farm buying power.

Boston, Jan. 2.—For the first time since he was taken to City hospital in a critical condition from injuries received in a National League hockey game here, several weeks ago, Irvin Bailey, Toronto Maple Leaf hockey star, sat up today. Bailey's name remains on the dangerous list at the hospital, although physicians described his improvement as "slow but satisfactory."

Gas Line Hockey News

By defeating the Wainwright hockey team in Wainwright on December 30th, and again in Irma, on New Year's night, the Irma boys have added two more wins to their record. The game in Wainwright was played in the afternoon between teams with Geo. Clark as referee. R. Lukens and E. Sharkey each were credited with scoring a counter apiece, while the Wainwright pucksters failed to register at all.

In Irma on New Year's night, the Wainwright boys were more successful. The play in the first period was very close, with Wainwright getting one goal. During the second period, the Irma lads found their stride and registered two goals, one each, by Frank Maguire and Francis Lukens.

In the first part of the third period the same two Irma players each got one more goal, making the score 4-1. However, Wainwright stepped on the gas determined to win before the final bell. This rally gave them two more before the time was up, making the score 4-3 in favor of Irma. Mr. Penfield handled this game to the satisfaction of all.

At the game played at Viking on Wednesday evening last, the local squad were trounced by the tune of 4-0. Despite the one-sided score the

brand of hockey was of the best seen this season.

The Irma boys are asking for the support of the public at their dance in Kiefer's hall, January 12th. They need the money; no foolin'.

Over 3,000 Elk in the Jasper National Park

Jasper National Park, Alta., January 3rd. The elk, or wapiti, which the American government presented to Canada in 1920 and which were placed in Jasper National Park, have been "carrying on" with the result that the herd has increased over three thousand, states the fish and game department of the Canadian National Railways. Very few elk exist in Canada outside of ranges of national parks and game reservations. The United States government also made other donations of elk to Canada as a measure of friendship, 257 head being placed in other national parks and game reservations in Canada.

The sportsman of the family wired home to her sister: "Can't you join me? Trying to hook large-mouth bass."

The city sister wired back: "Sorry. Busy trying to hook small-mouth tenor."

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